



BISHOPSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Year 6

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I am always ready to learn (Winston Churchill)

Dear Parents,

We have been impressed with how positively the children have come back for the second half of Spring term. They have had a busy first week back. As you know, the end of KS2 SATs are fast approaching and the children will be beginning their revision timetable on the week commencing 4th March. The children will have their timetables and books from next week to help them with their revision.

We will be continuing to do Topic work and PSHE in the afternoons, as well as weekly PE sessions. Below are some reminders and an outline of the term ahead.

Uniform

Please make sure that all uniform, PE kit, school bags, coats, shoes and lunch boxes are clearly labelled to avoid a build up of lost property. **PE** is planned to be on a **Thursday** for the rest of this term so please continue to send your child in in their PE kit on a Thursday. Please also ensure that they are dressed appropriately for the weather and have a water bottle in school with them every day.

Homework Diaries and revision packs

Please continue to check the diary regularly. On a Monday your child will stick in the homework that needs to be completed over the week. The information page of the diary can be used to give us information, but anything of a sensitive nature should be written in a letter to the class teacher. **To enable the children to become more independent we encourage the children to show the teacher any messages in their diaries.** Their homework diary should be kept in their revision packs and should be with the children in school every day. This is because some of the revision work that we do in class will be completed in their books from their packs, as well as using their posters to help them in lessons. Children who continue to record reading in their homework diaries will be rewarded with house points and those who read more than 3 times in a week will be entered into the weekly reading raffle. It is, however, not a compulsory part of their homework during the revision period.

From now on there is **no topic homework** grid for Year 6. Please refer to your child's homework diary for their **weekly revision timetable** of work to complete.

Homework Club

To continue to support your children in the lead up to SATs we are now holding a Homework Revision Club on **Thursday** after school from **7th March** until **9th May**. It is being run by Mrs Sullivan and Miss Dadral from 3:30 to 4:30pm to help children with their revision.

SATs week will be the week commencing Monday 13th May through to Thursday 16th May. Please ensure your child does not take holiday during school time during the lead up to SATs as they will greatly benefit from the revision we will be doing.

Important Dates...

Every Thursday from 7 th March	Homework Revision club - 3:30 – 4:30pm
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day- Dress up as a favourite book character
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of Spring Term
Monday 15 th April	Start of Summer term
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday
13 th – 16 th May	SATs week
Winchester Science Centre – to be confirmed	

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Dreelan, Mrs Sullivan and Miss Dadral

At Bishopswood, we offer a rich and diverse curriculum that engages all children. Enriched activities that motivate children, enhancing their life opportunities is something that is very important to us.

Year 6	Who were the Mayans and what have we learnt from them?
Subject	Areas Covered
Learning Enrichment	Book week – Week beginning 4 th March World Book Day – 7 th March
Reading:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select and Retrieve • Inference and the use of language • Summarise and respond • Inference and justify <p>Our reading texts this half term are all focused on SATs revision and the question types children will encounter in the tests. They will be reading a variety of fiction, non fiction and poetry texts. We will be reading Tyger by SF Said as our class novel.</p>
Writing:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our writing becomes more independent this term, having structured the writing more earlier in the year. • Our entire half term will be based around Macbeth by William Shakespeare • We will be writing a variety of different pieces including persuasive writing, journals and re-telling sections of the story.
SPAG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be completing Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar lessons over the next half term where the children will be learning about different grammatical features and how to use them
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will now be beginning our period of maths revision. Through this the children will recover every topic they have learnt this year, through reasoning style questions, to help them prepare for the SATs
Design Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The children will be working in small groups to carry out market research, design and advertise chocolate bars
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-safety
Geography/History	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Mayans</u></p> <p>We will be continuing our work on the history and geography of the Mayan civilisation this term. We will be looking at artefacts and sources to compare the daily life and belief systems of the Mayan citizens with the Vikings.</p>
Physical Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football • Circuits • Squash
HeartSmart / PSHE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Heartsmart topic for this half term is “Don’t hold on to what’s wrong” where we think about forgiveness and develop strategies to resolve conflicts.